

SITUATION REPORT NO. 5
INCIDENT NO. 2003- 070
DATE: July 11, 2003 Time: 4:00 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: **Severe Summer Storms (Rain and Hail Damage)** – Beginning June 21 and continuing, severe thunderstorms with heavy rain, hail, and high winds up to 70 miles per hour (mph), have moved through portions of North Dakota.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: The following is a summary of storm damages that occurred since July 3 as reported by County Emergency Managers.

Eddy County (Devils Lake Region):

Heavy rain moved across Eddy County beginning July 9 leaving between 3.5 and 5.5 inches of rain on soil that was already saturated. The heavy rain caused pooling of water on city streets and residents' lawns. Water seepage in basements was also reported. New Rockford City maintenance crews blocked off one street because of pooling water. Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad officials reported water levels ranging from one to five inches in two of their outbuildings in New Rockford.

Sargent County:

Officials reported severe damage to crops, homes and farmsteads throughout the county due to intense hail and strong winds. Some hailstones measured from golf ball to softball size. Approximately 169,000 acres of crop, grass, hay, pasture and Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) land had suffered damage due to the storm that passed through on July 3. Estimates of crop losses are between 5 to 100 percent. Twenty-seven homes suffered shingle, roof, window or siding damage. Officials estimate \$40,000 worth of damages to homes. Twenty-three outbuildings, such as garages, sheds, grain bins and barns, sustained damages. Eight irrigation towers were blown over or were ripped apart. Officials estimate \$50,000 worth of damages to farmsteads. Power outages were reported in various areas throughout the path of the storm. Some areas were without power for seven hours. Most power was restored within two to three hours.

4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: In addition to previous reports, the Soil Conservation Offices and County Farm Services Agencies (FSA) have been providing assistance.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: The Sargent County Commission issued an emergency declaration on July 10 due to the extreme loss of crops and damages to residential homes, farmsteads and viable agriculture income.
7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No assistance has been requested.
OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
8. OTHER INFORMATION: The N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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